

Application No. 10/628,566
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REMARKS

The allowance of claims 6-17 is acknowledged with appreciation.

The rejection of claim 1 on grounds of provisional obviousness-type double patenting has been mooted by cancellation of the involved claim.

The objection to claims 2-5 is believed obviated by the rewriting of claim 3 in independent form and the amending of claims 2 and 5 to depend from rewritten claim 3.

In view of the foregoing amendments, the application is respectfully submitted to be in condition for allowance, and prompt, favorable action thereon is earnestly solicited.

If there are any questions regarding this amendment or the application in general, a telephone call to the undersigned at (202) 624-2845 would be appreciated since this should expedite the prosecution of the application for all concerned.

If necessary to effect a timely response, this paper should be considered as a petition for an Extension of Time sufficient to effect a timely response, and please charge any deficiency in fees or credit any overpayments to Deposit Account No. 05-1323 (Docket #03878852643US).

Respectfully submitted,



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